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LETTER DATED 12 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR MEMBERS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, CONTAINING A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS PRIOR TO 16 JUNE 1993

I have the honour to refer to the financing arrangements for the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

As you know, prior to 16 June 1993, the Force was financed entirely by voluntary contributions, which proved insufficient. By resolution 47/236, the General Assembly decided that the costs of UNFICYP for the period beginning 16 June 1993 that were not covered by voluntary contributions should be treated as expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations. Resolution 47/236 also decided to maintain the separate account established prior to 16 June 1993, invited Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account and requested me to intensify my efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions towards the costs of the Force.

On 25 March 1993, I wrote to you about the critical financial situation of UNFICYP, pointing out that receipts continued to fall far short of the Organization's share of expenditures and expressing my concern about the unfair financial burden carried by the troop-contributing countries to UNFICYP. On 15 June 1993, the accumulated shortfall in the UNFICYP Special Account was estimated at $208.5 million. For the mandate period 15 December 1992-15 June 1993, only $6.8 million were pledged or received against expenditures of some $9.5 million (see annex for details). As a result, the United Nations has been able to meet the claims of the troop-contributing countries only up to December 1981.

I am heartened that Member States by Security Council resolution 831 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/236, brought this highly unsatisfactory financial situation to an end and put UNFICYP on a sound financial footing. However, the amounts that were not reimbursed to the troop-contributing Governments in respect of past mandate periods still remain unpaid. For this reason, I am writing to ask that your Government give serious consideration to making a special voluntary financial contribution towards the UNFICYP voluntary account for the period prior to 16 June 1993. While contributions of all

amounts will be greatly appreciated, I would like to suggest through this appeal that those Governments whose current assessment is smaller than their previous voluntary contribution, consider contributing the difference towards the outstanding balance due to the troop contributors. These Governments served UNFICYP loyally and very generously for many years and it is only just that their expenses from that period should be shared by the other Member States.

UNFICYP continues to play a vital role in promoting a peaceful political solution to the problem of Cyprus. Its financial history, however, is blemished by the sizeable amounts remaining unreimbursed to troop contributors. It is my hope that your Government will find it possible to respond generously to my appeal for a voluntary financial contribution. Such a contribution would express appreciation for the dedicated service of the troop-contributing Governments to UNFICYP in the past and help rectify the very unfair financial legacy borne by those countries who steadfastly showed their support for UNFICYP when it was financed entirely by voluntary contributions.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

ANNEX

Status of voluntary contributions to the UNFICYP Special Account for the four mandate periods prior to 16 June 1993

(In United States dollars equivalent)

Country	60th 16/06/91 15/12/91	61st 16/12/91 15/06/92	62nd 16/06/92 15/12/92	63rd 16/12/92 15/06/93
Australia a/	49 995	50 000	50 000	-
Austria a/ b/	125 000	125 000	125 000	-
Belgium	152 927	154 368	154 369	-
Canada a/	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	500 000	500 000	500 000	500 000
Denmark a/ b/	-	-	-	-
Finland a/	-	-	-	-
France	88 496	-	-	-
Germany	856 360	905 107	905 107	-
Greece	400 000	500 000	500 000	500 000
Iceland	6 134	7 133	7 133	7 189
Indonesia	-	5 000	5 000	-
Ireland a/	-	-	-	-
Italy	200 000	200 000	-	-
Japan	200 000	200 000	200 000	
Liechtenstein	500	-	-	500
Luxembourg	4 677	23 810	23 809	4 785
Malta	500	456	456	500
Micronesia	-	150	150	-
Norway	305 007	305 000	305 000	250 022
Pakistan	1 500	1 500	1 500	-
Panama	-	250	250	250
Spain	86 997	95 982	95 982	84 817
Sweden a/ b/	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	1 063 830	1 048 951	1 048 951	680 272
Thailand	500	500	500	-
United Kingdom a/b/	1 433 978	829 854	-	-
United States c/	4 187 000	4 187 000	4 187 000	4 813 000
Venezuela	2 491	2 500	2 500	-
Zaire	1 000	-	-	-
Total	9 666 892	9 142 561	8 112 707	6 841 335

a/ Governments contributing contingents to UNFICYP.
b/ Payment has been made or will be made by means of an offset against amounts due to the Governments.
c/ Pledges for the 62nd and 63rd mandates unpaid as at 15 October 1993.